

1 citizens who came together in 1909 in a period of race
2 riots throughout this country and after the Springfield
3 Race riots which happened in the birthplace of ABraham
4 Lincoln in Springfield, Illinois, formed the National
5 Association for the Advancement of Colored People and
6 reaffirmed that we can work through the framework of
7 our Constitution and democratic government to right
8 ancient wrong and insure equal protection of the law to
9 all citizens and so we worked through the courts
10 beginning in 1915 with the invalidation of the Grandfather
11 clause in voting and in 1917 with the invalidation of the
12 Supreme Court of racial segregation ordinances and housing,
13 and then coming on up in the long struggle to secure
14 Federal anti-lynching legislation which although not
15 successful, the educational effect and the awaking of the
16 moral conscience in America resulted in the decrease of
17 lynching.

18 And in Maryland in 1935 when Judge Henderson
19 was an assistant attorney general, the Court of Appeals
20 of Maryland had the courage to set a precedent for equal
21 educational opportunities which the Supreme Court noted